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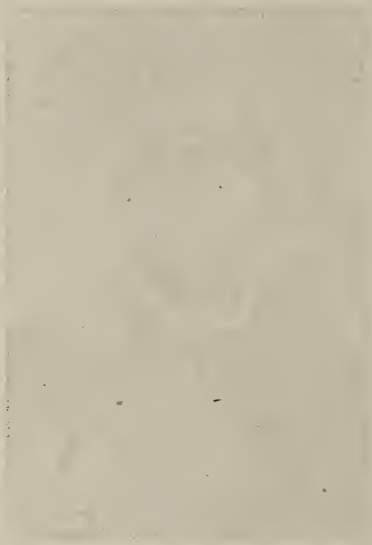

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

Thursday September 19th, 1912.

The Roanoke Middle Ground Missionary Baptist Association Convened at the beautiful church of Popular Point, near Williamston, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 11:00 olclock a. m. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the pastor and assisted by the Rev W. H. Lewis of Creswell, N. C. who lined hymn No. 440, "There is a fountain filled with blood," and read the 23rd Psalm of David. The throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Peter Moore. The second hymn No. 627 was sung. The Moderator then arose and made some brief remarks prefacing the work, They were strong and encouraging and filled with logic, He closed by announcing the meeting open and ready for business. The welcome address was then in order, the Pastor Rev. J. W. Williams arose and delivered to us a hearty welcome. He made us welcome to the several homes and the beautiful surroundings with its many luxuries. Rev. Prof. D. C. Cobb, was called on to respond to the welcome address delivered by the Pastor. He arose in his usual way and in a very eloquent style accepted the welcome extended to us. Rev. P. G. Gilmore was called upon to respond to the welcome address on behalf of the community, also the Rev. W. H. Lewis, was asked to have something to say in response. Then an enthusing hymn was sung. A motion prevailed that the Pastor and Deacons be Committee on Arrangements and Hours of Services. Rev. D. C. Cobb arose and made a favorable excuse for failing to have the programmes out on time for this sitting of this Association. The boundry line of ministers, delegates and life members was set four seats on either side and three in front. Owing to the time of day, the Introductory Sermon was laid over until the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock p. m. The Committee on Hours of Services reported as follows: Assemble at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; re-assemble at 2:00, adjourn at 4:00 o'clock p. m.; assemble again at 7:30 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure. Committee Pastor and Deacons. The report of Committee on Hours of Services stood approved. Adjournment then being in order

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the Moderator called on Rev. G. L. Williams to announce the benediction.

Rev. G. T. Hill, A. M. Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roanoke Middle Ground Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 2:00 o'clock p. m. Revs. D. C. Cobb and H. H. Jones being called upon by the Moderator to conduct Devotional Exercises, proceeded by lining and singing hymn No. 635, and read the 50th division of the Psalms of David. The prayer was very fervently offered by Bro. Chas. Davenport. Second hymn No. 674 was sung. The Moderator announced the meeting open and ready for business. A motion prevailed to hear the minutes of the last half day's session read. (Carried.) The minutes thus read stood approved with the proper correction. The Moderator invited visitors and messengers to seats and voices all but voting. Rev. J. H. Houston was seen in the congregation and it was not known whether he was a member or not, and it was found that he was not. Motioned that the list of churches be called and the delegates enrolled. (See roll). Then a motion prevailed that the Constitution and By-Laws be read and considered. The section 19 was considered. The Introductory Sermon being in order business was suspended and the Revs. S. R. Riddick and W. G. Edmonds was called to the stand. Rev. S. R. Riddick was found to be absent, Rev. W. G. Edmonds, his alternate, assumed the task. The Moderator appointed Rev. T. H. Black, to assist Rev. Edmonds as alternate. He lined hymn No. 715, "I am not ashamed to own my Lord," was sung. The 60th Chapter of Isaiah was read. Prayer was very fervently offered by Bro. C. D. McNair. A second selection was sung, No. 694. Then Rev. W. G. Edmonds arose and took for his text, "Rise and shine for the light is come and the glory of the Lord is upon thee." Isaiah 60th. He preached a soul-stirring sermon and introduced in a spiritual manner the objects of the Christian church, and the value of letting your light shine. Prayer was fervently offered by the Rev. W. H. Lewis, and "Pass me not, oh gentle Saviour," was sung. A collection was taken to the amount of $1:30. Adjournment then being in order Benediction was prayed by the Rev. T. H. Black.

Rev. G. T. Hill, A. M., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Night Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Association re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock. The regular appointees being present Rev. G. L. Williams and Rev. J. A. Taylor, the Devotional Exercises were conducted by them. Hymn No. 503, "Come we that love the Lord," was sung, the 16th Chapter of Matthew was read, Prayer was strongly offered by Bro. A. Cromwell. Second hymn No. 715 "I am not ashamed to own my Lord," was sung, Rev. G. L. Williams, then being introduced, came forward and with a few preliminary remarks, took for his text "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?" Cor. 9:24. 1st. He showed the necessity of running and the reward obtained by running. 2nd. The spiritual race and the prize obtained by running. The sermon was logical throughout. Prayer was offered by Bro. John House. Next in order was singing "Oh for a heart, to praise my God." Collection raised to the amount of $3.00. Adjournment was ordered by the Moderator. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. L. Williams,

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 9:30 a. m., Friday, September 20th. 1912. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. M. Williams and Rev. J. R. Riddick, who lined hymn No. 410, "There is a fountain filled with blood," also read the 90th Psalm of David. Prayer was fervently offered by the Rev. S. R. Riddick. Second hymn No. 507 was sung. The Moderator announced the meeting open and ready for business. A motion prevailed to hear the proceedings of Thursday evening and night's session. The Minutes were read and adopted with the proper corrections. A Committee of three were appointed on Religious Exercises, namely: A. Cromwell, Mack Mitchell, Charlie Davis. Said committee stood approved. A motion then prevailed that Rev. D. C. Cobb and Bro. C. D. McNair be appointed to act with the Statistician Secretary. These names were affirmed. There was a space allowed for the discussion of the Constitution and By Laws. The sections 19 and 24 were discussed. Motion that the house should revise the section 19. Carried. The Executive Board was reduced from seven to five members. Rev. W. H. Lewis arose and asked to be excused for the remainder of the term. A motion prevailed that Rev.

W. H. Lewis should be excused by paying up his dues. He went forward and paid $2.00. Rev. A. Cooper, of the West Roanoke Association was introduced and he came forward and made some strong remarks. Glad to welcome Rev. Cooper in our bounds. Motion that we hear the Moderator's address. (See address.) It was motioned that Bro. W. C. Moore respond to the most able and eloquent address. The Revs. A. Cooper and Conney, and Bro. C. D. McNair associated him in response. A collection was taken to the amount of $2.26. Adjournment then being in order, the benediction was announced by Rev. W. H. Lewis.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association assembled again at two o'clock p. m. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. G. M. Williams and associated by Rev. R. C. Yarrell. The Rev. R. C. Yarrell lined hymn No. 543 and read the 2nd Chapter of 1st Peter. Prayer was very fervently offered by Bro. Chas. Davenport. The second selection was No. 714. The meeting was then announced open and ready for business. A motion prevailed to hear the minutes of the forenoon session read. The motion was seconded and the minutes were read and adopted with proper corrections.

The Committee on religious exercises reported as follows: To preach this afternoon at 3:00 Rev. A. Cooper, his alternate Rev. S. P. Joyner; also to preach to-night at 7:30 Rev. P. G. Gilmore, his alternate Rev. T. H. Black.

Humbly submitted,
C. D. McNair, W. S. Spruill, W. H. Briley,
Committee.

Motion that the report be adopted by striking out the words preach at 3:00 o'clock and inserting to-night at 7:30. Said motion stood approved.

A Committee of five was appointed on Place and Preachers for the next Association, viz:

A. C. Staton, T. W. C. Moore,
W. S. Little, Chas. Davenport,
Johnnie House,, Committee

The above mentioned names were affirmed as a Committee on Place and Preachers for the next session of this Association.

A Committee of three was appointed on Nomination of Officers for the next session of this Association, viz:

John Staton, W. H. Briley,
Robert Mason, George Wynn,
T. W. C. Moore,

The names above constituted that committee.

There was a Committee of three on Moderator's Address, viz:

D. C. Cobb, Peter Moore, G. L. Williams.

The Committee on Moderator's Address was affirmed.

A Committee of three was appointed on Grievance, viz:

J. W. Williams, Peter Moore, A. Cooper.

The above names was approved as Committee on Grievance.

It then being time to adjourn, the benediction was prayed by Rev. T. H. Black. Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

FRIDAY—Night Session.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. The people seemed to be coming from all directions. The house was soon filled to its utmost capacity. It being time to proceed with the services, the Rev. T. H. Black arose and announced and read hymn No. 299, "Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove." The 87th Psalm of David was read. Prayer was strongly offered by Rev. E. S. Bowen. The second praise was "Oh, for a closer walk with God." Then the Rev. T. H. Black, the alternate, introduced the speaker for the occasion, Rev. P. G. Gilmore, who with all pulpit grace and dignity came forward and took for a text Joshua 13:14, 15 verses. He preached an able sermon and filled the audience with animation and spiritual fervor. A very strong prayer was offered by Bro. Norfolk Brown. "My hope is built on nothing less" was sung. A collection was taken to the amount of $15.05 and given to Prof. C. T. Hill in the way of charity, having lost his house and its contents by fire. Said amount was presented to him by Miss A. Griffin of Poplar Point. Prof. Hill, the Moderator, expressed his thanks for the amount thus presented. Prof. T. C. W. Moore, arose and commended the act, also Rev. J. W. Williams arose and made some strong and brief remarks in commendation. Homes for visitors, preachers and delegates were secured and the meeting stood adjourned. The congregation was dismissed by the Rev. J. W. Williams.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

The third day having arrived, the people came flocking in from all surrounding points. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the Moderator. Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. S. P. Joyner and Henry Yarrell. Hymn No. 623 was announced and sung. The 23rd Psalm was read and prayer was offered by Rev. S. P. Joyner. The second hymn, No. 396, was sung, "Jesus I would come to thee." The meeting was pronounced open and ready for business. The proceedings of Friday afternoon and evening minutes were read and adopted. The Viney Oak Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention presented to the Middle Ground Roanoke Association $5.00, presented by Bro, P. T. Everett, the delegate from the Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church, Martin County. A Committee of three was appointed on State and Condition of the Country, viz: Bro. T. C. W, Moore, Rev. G. T. Hill and Rev. A. Cooper. A motion prevailed to confirm the Committee on State and Condition of the Country. The Committee on Nomination of officers reported. (See report.) The report was received and adopted. The list of Ordained and Licensed Preachers and Life Members were called. (See list.) The Treasurer reported the annual incomes and disbursements. (See report. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Secretary of the Executive and Trustee Boards reported. (See report.) The Secretary's report was approved. The Committee on Newly Organized Churches reported. They reported that they had found Williams' Chapel in gospel order and present her to this grand old Association for membership. A motion prevailed that Williams' Chapel Church should become a member of this body by complying with the law governing this body. Then the pastor of Williams' Chapel came forward and was given the right hand of fellowship and made one of the churches of our list. The doors were open and the Revs. Johney Conney, C. H. Jones, J. A. Taylor, P. J. Pugh, a Cooper, A. H. James and C. H. Stokes came forward and took the front seat and their wants made known to the body. A motion was seconded that these brethren should become a member of this Association by the laws governing this body. It was found that Rev. C. H. Stokes and Rev. A. H. James were not prepared to comply with the law, therefore Revs. E. S. Bowens and G. L. Williams became responsible for them. These Brethren were given the right hand of fellowship and made welcome to participate in the spiritual enjoyments and carnal responsi-

bilities. Bro. P. T. Everett made some strong statements in regard to the Viney Oak Sunday School Convention. The Moderator called on Bro. P. T. Everett to raise a collection. He came forward and took up $1.65. The congregation was ordered to stand and was dismissed by Rev. H. C. Jones.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The hour having arrived the Moderator called upon Revs. W. G. Edwards and C. H. Williams to conduct Devotional Exercises. The audience was ordered to stand and join in singing "Down at the Cross. The 10th proverb of Solomon was read and prayer was fervently offered by Rev. W. G. Edmonds. A second selection was sung and the meeting was announced open and ready for business. The proceedings of the morning session was read and approved. Rev. C. G. Williams of the Old Eastern Association, and Rev. Blount Moore of the Disciple Assembly were invited forward and given seats in our midst. The Committee on Grievance reported. (See report.) The report was confirmed. The Executive Board reported the proceedings of their work done in the morning session of the Board. (See report.) This report was approved. The Committee on State and Condition of the Country reported. (See report.) The report was confirmed and that Committee discharged. A few minutes were allowed to the delegate of Chestnut Grove to express himself in regard to a letter of dismission. He came forward and in a verbal manner applied for a letter of dismission. This delegate was ordered to return to his church and get a letter regarding this matter from a regular conference meeting of this church and apply again. The Committee on Religious Exercises then begged to report: To preach to-night Rev. C. H. Williams, his alternate Rev. R. C. Yarrell. To preach to-morrow Rev. A. Cooper, his alternate Rev. G. L. Williams. The report on Religious Exercises were received and adopted. The Historian reported. (See report.) These reports were received and confirmed. The Committee on Finance reported. (See report.) The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted and the Committee discharged. Motion prevailed that the names of the missionaries appear in the minutes. Carried. Motioned that Rev. G. L. Williams be Corresponding Messenger to the Western Roanoke Association. Carried. Prof. G. T. Hill was appointed a messenger to the Old Eastern Association. Rev. D. C. Cobb, and Rev. J. A. Taylor were ap-

pointed Compilers of the minutes. It was moved and seconed that we should have 500 minutes printed. Carried. This Association extended a vote of thanks to Poplar Point Church, for her kindness and generosity extended to us while in attendance upon this Convention of this Association. Business being ended the benediction was prayed by Rev. G. L. Williams.

Rev. G. T. Hill, A. M. Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary

SATURDAY—Night Session.

The Congregation re-assembled at the appointed hour, 7:30 o'clock. The regular appointees being present, they were invited to the stand. The usual form of exercises were conducted. Rev. A. Cooper being the alternate, hymn No. 636 was read and sung. The 9th Chapter of St. John was read. Prayer was very fervently offered by Rev. C. W. Brown. The second selection was sung, No. 626. Then Rev. C. H. Williams arose and took for a text Acts 9:11. He animated all who heard him. We are proud of our young men. After the sermon Rev. R. C. Yarrell was called upon to pray. Then Rev. C. W. Brown was called up to ask for a collection, which he did, and raised $4.60. The Committee on Obituaries reported. (See report.) Motion to approve the report thus made. Rev. J. W. Williams, the pastor, then came forward and arranged homes for visitors and so on. Rev. D. C. Cobb was called upon to address the Sunday School Sunday morning. Then Rev. A. Cooper made some striking remarks in regard to the hospitality of the people in the vicinity of Poplar Point, and the magnanimous way that the Association had been cared for during this sitting. The time for closing being at hand the benediction was prayed by Rev. A. Cooper.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

Sunday brought in a new feature upon the church ground. The campus was crowded with people. The 9 o'clock peals of the church bell for Sunday School hurried the spectators in to enjoy the occasion. There were two addresses delivered, one by the Principal of the Roanoke Seminary, Rev. D. C. Cobb, and one by the President of Roanoke Seminary, Rev. G. T. Hill, A. M., each was mixed logic, seasoned with common sense and rhetorically put, so much so that every one that heard them seemed to be enthused over them.

There was a collection taken up by Bro. P. T. Everett to the amount of $10.65. Sunday School Closed.

The hour having arrived for preaching the devotional was conducted by Rev. G. L. Williams and Rev. A. Cooper, who lined hymn No. 539. Read the 1st Division of the Psalms of David. Prayer was offered by Kinshion Gray. The second selection No. 562, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," Then Rev. G. L. Williams presented Rev. A. Cooper, who took for his text Solomon's Songs 6:10. The text was well delivered mixed with spiritual fervor. After the sermon the throne of grace was addressed by Rev. C. H. Williams, Rev. G. L. Williams was called upon to ask for a collection. He raised the amount of $2.40. We were then dismissed by Rev. A. Cooper.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

SUNDAY—Evening Session.

By the command of the Association, owing to the loss of Rev. J. H. Johnson, caused by death, the congregation reassemble at 3 p. m. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. G. T. Hill and J. W. Williams, who lined hymn No. 926 and read for the 1st lesson 39th Psalm of David, and the 2nd the 90th Psalm of David. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. Black. Second selection No. 930. The eulogy began with a few sad remarks by Rev. G. T. Hill who presented as the second speaker Dr. R. A. Boyd of Williamston. Rev. J. W. Williams was then introduced, who came forward and in an elegant manner addressed the audience in behalf of the good works of Rev. J. H. Johnson, then prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Yarrell, after which Mrs. M. E. Danel came before the people as missionary in the interest of Tar River Institute, who raised the amount of $1.00. Dismissed by Rev. J. W. Williams.

Rev. G. T. Hill, Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

REPORTS.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Brother Moderator and Brethren. I herewith present to you my annual Historical Report. This organic body started its wheel of progress at Oak City, N. C., and has rolled on through thirteen years of head winds, storms and hardships, but we are glad to say that this date finds us celebrating our fourteenth annual sitting. We are glad to say amid the many criticisms and scornful snears, we have continued to climb up the rough sides of the mountain. We started with a very few in number and now we number about two thousand in membership. We organized at St. Mark 1898, and went on to Willow Chapel 1899, on to Mt. Shiloh, 1900, on to Chestnut Grove 1901, on to Sycamore Chapel 1902, on to Wynn's Chapel 1903, on to Willow Chapel 1904, on to St. Mark's 1905, on to Lilly of the Valley (Washington County) 1906, on to St. John's 1907, on to Mt. Perry's 1908, on to Zion Grove 1909, on to Belmont, 1910, on to Conetoe Chapel 1911, on to Poplar Point 1912, where we participated in a glorious sitting. We are indeed glad to chronical that our school is yet Ever Green. During the past year our ministerial chain was broken by the grim monster death. A great star fell from the intellectual world in the person of Rev. Prof. J. Henry Johnson. In our bereavement we bow in humble submission to him that does all things well. Amid our sorrows we are not forgetful to mention the sad happening of the burning of Rev. Prof. G. T. Hill's house. The happening was mysterious. We hope to continue to make for ourselves a history of much renown and that we will continue to grow intellectually, numerically and spiritually. D. C. Cobb, Historian.

NEWLY CONSTITUTED CHURCHES.

We your Committee on Newly Constituted Churches beg to render the following report: We find since the last sitting of this Association one church makes application for membership, William's Chapel, Tarboro, N. C., all of which we humbly submit. June 23rd, 1912.

J. W. Williams, T. H. Black, Peter W. Moore,
Committee.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCE.

We your Committee on Grievance beg to submit the following report: We have thoroughly investigated the matter of St. Paul's Church, Oak City, N. C., holding members of Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Hassell, N. C., and said St. Paul's Church promises to turn all members loose held by them. T. H. Black, J. W. Williams, A. Cooper,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Received from the Association Sep. 23rd, 1011	$ 153 96
Rec'd from 2nd Zion Grove, Oct. 28th, 1911	52 05
" " Wynn's Chapel Dec. 30th, 1911	33 30
" " Executive Board	2 50
" " J. W. Williams	50 00
" " Pine Top or Pine's Chapel	48 46
" " Poplar Point	2 00
" " Executive Board	4 95
" " Executive Board June 29th, 1912	50 00
" " Long Ridge Chapel June 29th	54 35
" " Belmont Chapel July 13th, 1912	90
" " C. H. Stokes July 15th, 1912	45
" " G. M. Williams July 23rd, 1912	50
Total received from Sept. 23, 1911 to Sept. 1912	$ 453 43
Disbursements	446 56
Balance on hand,	$ 6 87

Humbly submitted by P. T. Everett, Treas.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Received from all sources	$453 43
Paid out by order of the Moderator and Chairman of the Trustee Board	446 56
Cash Balance on hand	$ 6 87

Humbly rendered, D. C. Cobb, Sec'y.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE BOARD.

Paid Rev. G. T. Hill, salary	$245	00
" Wood for school	14	50
" Printing minutes and compiling	35	50
" Borrowed money and interest	33	00
" For paper, etc., for Secretary		50
" Officers of the Association, etc	36	50
" Expenses of the Unions	51	86
" Rev. J. W. Williams interest on money	10	00
Total	$446	86

REPORT ON STATE AND CONDITION OF COUNTRY.

1. Your Committee beg to say that we find that the people in general instead of observing the Sabbath as they should, they spend it in riotousness and frolic.

2. We appeal to the ministry to spend much of their time in preaching against such profane practices.

3. Morally—Our people are growing stronger and better.

4. Intellectually—They are more prepared for the combats in life than ever before.

5. Financially—They are handling more money and accumulating more property, and in many instances contributing more to the uplift of the race than ever before.

6. General condition—We find the country instead of retrograding, it is progressing every where.

Our country is in peace with all nations. The suffering in the Mississippi Valley has been properly cared for. The two races are at peace. We now and then hear of a case of lynching. Your Committee thinks that with proper instruction the young people will in the next few years be more competent to take their places in the world as men and women.

T. W. C. Moore, A. Cooper, G. T. Hill.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We your Committee on Nomination of Officers beg to bring to you a report as follows:

Moderator	Rev. J. W. Williams
Vice-Moderator	Rev. P. G. Gilmore
Secretary	Rev. J. A. Taylor
Assistant Secretary	Rev. H. C. Jones
Treasurer	Bro. P. T. Everett
Statistician	Bro. M. S. Jenkins
Historian	Rev. A. C. Cobb
Auditor	Bro. C. D. McNair

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. J. W. Williams, Chairman.....Rev. G. T. Hill, Sect'y
Rev. C.W. Brown..Rev. S. R. Riddick..Rev. P. G. Gillmore

TRUSTEE BOARD.

Rev. S. R. Riddick.....H. C. Jones.....Peter Moore,
John Staton, W. H. Briley,
Robert Mason, George Wynn.
T. W. C. Moore, Committee.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

The Committee on Time and Place reported as follows: We think in our humble judgment that the proper place for the next sitting of this Association is Olive Branch Baptist Church, Parmele, N. C., Thursday before the 4th Lord's Day in September 1913. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. D. C. Cobb, his alternate Rev. R. C. Yarrell.

A. C. Staton, T. W. C. Moore.
W. S. Little, C. H. Davenport,
J. H. House, Committee.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

The Committee on Digest of Letters beg to report: We have received during this sitting letters from 26 churches. We find that 3 churches fail to represent. A new church has joined us by the name of Williams Chapel, of Edgecombe County. The total amount raised in this Association during this sitting from churches was $146.70.

D. C. Cobb. C. D. McNair,
M. S. Jenkins, Committee.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

St. Mark's,.....Spencer Burnett
Willow Chapel,..... W. H. Briley
Sycamore Chapel,.....McMitchell and A. C. Staton
Mt. Perry,.....
Chestnut Grove,.....
Wynn's Chapel,..... M. S. Jenkins
Belmont,.....W. H. Little
St. John,.....
Long's Chapel,.....W. G. Edmonds
Poplar Point,..... W. S. Spruill
Lilly of the Valley, Martin County,.....P. T. Everett

Cedar Hill,.....R. B. Mason
Long Ridge Chapel,.....C. D. McNair
Roberson Chapel,.....
Mt. Shiloh.....
Olive Branch,.....P. G. Gillmore
St. Paul;.....
Second Zion Grove,.....Chas. Davenport
Barnabas Chapel,.....A. Cromwell

ROANOKE SEMINARY.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

From the First to the Sixth Grade such books as are adopted by the State Board of Education for the same grades in the public schools.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—JUNIOR YEAR.

History of the United States, Geography, (Dodby's Comparative) Physiology, Civil Government, Grammar and Composition (by Robbins and Row), Arithmetic (Milne's Progressive (Second Book), Agriculture, Spelling (Reed's Word Lessons), Drawing.

MIDDLE YEAR.

All the work of the Junior briefly reviewed and completed. Higher English, Physical Geography, Algebra (Wilson's), May-drawing, Arithmetic, Milne's (Third Book), Botany, Economy, Moral Philosophy, Domestic Science. Students of this year will be required to teach certain classes throughout the year.

SENIOR YEAR.

A Review of the Middle Year. Ancient History, Latin (Cæsar's Gallic Wars), Rhetoric, Logic, Phychology, Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Geometry. There will be a series of lectures on special subjects delivered before this class throughout the year. Those who remain in school and complete this "course of study" will be examined at the end of the Senior year. If the President and Board of Trustees feel satisfied they are competent will be granted a Diploma of Graduation. This school has also been incorporated by the General Assembly of North Carolina, and has full power to confer A. M., A. B., B. Th., M. Th., D. D., LL. D., Ph. D. or any degree of scholarship an applicant

may merit. For this particular work we have organized a special Board. The following distinguished gentlemen and educators have accepted places as members of this special Board whose purpose is to confer degrees upon worthy applicants: Rev. A. B. Vincent, Raleigh, N. C.; Prof. P. W. Moore, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Dr. J. T, Clark, Washington, D. C.; Dr. C. M. Cartwright, Edenton, N. C.; Rev, B. W. Dance, Edenton, N. C.; Dr. R. A. Loyd, M. D., Williamston, N. C.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called to order and remarks by the Moderator.
2. Address of Welcome and response.
3. Inviting Visitors and Messengers to seats.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Reading the Constitution and By-Laws.
6. Enrolling Churches and Delegates.

7. Report of churches failed to represent last session or sessions.
8. Appointment of Committees and Report of Churches.
9. Report of the President of the Roanoke Seminary.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Report of Executive Board and Trustee Board.
12. Reports of various Committees.
13. Reports of corresponding Messengers.
14. Miscellaneous Business, etc.

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Sec. 2. This Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, licensed preachers, messengers from churches and life members, who shall be entitled to seats in the same.

Sec. 3. This Association shall have a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, an Auditor, Statistical Secretary. Historian, Executive Board and Board of Trustees, who shall be elected annually by the Association. Their term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the Association, or as soon as their successors are known.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall give a bond for double the amount of money that goes into his hands from time to time, from this Association.

Sec. 5. Any newly organized Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the payment of two dollars.

Sec. 6. Any male member of a regular Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the proper recommendation and the payment of one dollar.

Sec. 7. Letters received by this Association from the various churches composing the same shall express the total number in full fellowship, the number baptized, those received by letter, excommunicated, and those deceased since the last sitting of this Association and a statement sent back to the various churches informing them of their entire indebtedness to this Association.

Sec. 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor interfere with the internal rights of the churches.

Sec. 9. The object of this Association shall be to aid Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial and General Education, the Orphan Asylum and the Roanoke Seminary at Williamston, N. C.

Sec. 10. It is recommended by this Association that each church pay upon each member composing it, for Associational fees 10 cents, for Roanoke Seminary fees 10 cents, and for State Convention fees for North Carolina 50 cents, per church annually to this Association.

Sec. 11. This Association shall supply the several churches composing this body with minutes of each annual session. which shall be directed to the Clerks of the churches in the care of their pastors.

Sec. 12. This Association shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from any church, minister or member who shall violate its rules, or principles of immorality or religion.

Sec. 13. No question is to be discussed until it is motioned for and seconded and distinctly stated by the Moderator.

Sec. 14. After a motion is fully before the meeting the mover cannot withdraw it, except by an unanimous consent of the Moderator and the Association.

Sec. 15. A motion shall contain but one distinct proposition.

Sec. 16. The minutes of each session shall be corrected (if need be) and adopted.

Sec. 17. This Association shall have power to inquire into, why, each church is not represented.

Sec. 18. This Association shall have power to adjourn to convene with any church Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September of each year.

Sec. 19. The Executive Board shall consist of five members including the Moderator, who shall have power to pay off all the expenses of the Association, and attend to other grievances prior to the sitting of the Association and report annually.

Sec. 20. Hiscock's Directory, the Constitution and By-Laws shall govern this body.

Sec. 21. All money raised during the Associational year

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number	NAME OF CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	When Organized	NAME OF CLERKS.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	NAME OF DELEGATES.	No of Licensed Preachers	NAME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.	NAME OF PASTORS.	PASTOR'S POST OFFICE.	Sundays of Worship.	No Baptized.	No Rec'd by Letter	No Restored.	No Rec'd by Christian Effort.	No Excommunicated.	No Dis by Letter	No Deceased.	No of Males.	No of Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary per year.	State Convention	Amt sent to Association	Amt to Seminary.	No Sunday School Scholars.
1	St Mark	Martin	1879	Spencer Burnett	Oak City	John Staton		John Brown	I S Riddick	Parmele	4th	5		1		3		2	43	24	117	$ 175 00	$ 2 00	$ 7 00		35
2	Willow Chapel	Martin	18[illegible]	H F Forest	Robersonville	W H Briley	1	C C Close	J W Williams	Oak City	3rd	20	2	7	1	5		3	49	82	102	168 00		12 00		60
3	Sycamore Chapel	Martin	18[illegible]	Abram Outerbridge	Hamilton	M Mitchell, A C Staton	1	L M Outerbridge	A Cooper	Windsor R F D	2nd		1	3		3			42	75	117	150 00		10 50		40
4	Mt Perry	Edgecombe	18[illegible]																							
5	Chestnut Grove	Halifax	18[illegible]	J H House	Tillery	C H Davis, J H House	1	C H Davis	L G Outlaw	Harriaville	2nd	3		5		2		4	30	40	70	Pub. Do		5 50		25
6	Wynn's Chapel	Pitt	18[illegible]	M S Jenkins	Parmele	T W C Moore		M S Jenkins	S R Riddick	Williamston	2nd	14	1	2		2	2	2	39	68	107	124 00		2 05	2 05	37
7	Belmont	Martin	18[illegible]	W S Little	Robersonville	W S Little	1	W S Little	S R Riddick	Williamston	1st	1		1			1		15	23	38	Pub. Col		3 00	2 00	35
8	St John	Pitt	18[illegible]	B D Perkins	Stokes	A Daniel		A Daniel	C W Brown	Tarboro, R F D	3rd	4	4				1		25	74	99	0		1 00		40
9	Long's Chapel	Halifax		Zenobia Shields	Hobgood	W G Edmond		Spring Hill	W G Edmonds	Spring Hill	1st					1		1	15	20	35	50		2 00		35
10	Poplar Point	Martin	1872	H R Bell	Williamston	W S Spruill		1 H B Bell	J W Williams	Oak City	2nd			4				3	30	110	140	120 00		2 50		40
11	Lily of the Valley	Martin	1896	P T Everett	Everetts	P T Everett		2 P T Everett	J W Williams	Oak City	4th	10	1	1	1	5		1	35	72	107	84 00		44 00		35
12	Lily of the Valley	Washington	1896	R W Taylor	Plymouth	By Letter		2 D S Bowne	J W Williams	Oak City	1st		1				1	1	25	5	75	Charity		7 00		35
13	Cedar Hill	Martin	1898	W C Camp	Williamston	R B Mason		I J W Rodgers	G L Williams	Everett	2nd								10	18	28	40 00		2 00		25
14	Long Ridge Chapel	Washington	1898	Emma E Moore	Plymouth	C D McNair		1 F Hyman	Richard Cooper	Windsor	3rd	6			6	1			25	42	67	84 00		5 00		25
15	Robeson Chapel	Martin	1899	James Ebron	Robersonville	S R Riddick		Spence Williams	S R Riddick	Williamston	4th	4		5					5	11	16			2 60		25
16	Mt Shiloh	Martin	1899	S M Staton	Williamston	Joseph Williams		2 Noah Hoggard	S R Riddick	Williamston	3rd	8		10	3	1			50	108	158	180 00		7 75		60
17	Olive Branch	Martin	1898	Ida Ross	Parmele	P G Gillmore		John Farves	P G Gillmore	Hamilton	4th	4							10	18	28	60 00		3 25		12
18	St Paul	Martin	1899	James McNair	Plymouth	Chas Davenport		J A G McNair																		
19	Second Zion's Grove	Washington	1897	James McNair	Plymouth	Chas Davenport		J A G McNair	L Williams	Everett	3rd	1		3		1	1		45	50	95	100 00		5 00		20
20	Barnabas Chapel	Martin	1904	Chas Price	Williamston	A Cromwell		A Cromwell	G L Williams	Everett	1st	8	1	6	1	1		1	15	36	57	84 00		7 00		45
21	Hill Street	Edgecombe	1905																							
22	Conetoe Chapel	Edgecombe	19[illegible]	J S Carney	Conetoe	C H Williams		J S Carney	C H Williams	Robersonville	2nd	11	2	2		5			11	30	41	72 00		4 00		50
23	Pleasant Grove	Wilson	19[illegible]																							
24	Reid's Chapel	Edgecombe	1902	D Bullock	Fountain	D Bullock		1 D Bullock	C W Brown	Tarboro, R F D No 5	2nd	9	9	3		1	8		21	31	52			4 00		15
25	Weeping Mary	Martin	1903	Lizzie Howell	Hassell	G W Wynn		Lizzie Howell	W A Williams	Hassell	1st	20		1			1		8	21	24	60 00		3 00		53
26	St James' Chapel	Martin	1907	Lizzie Duggins	Williamston	E S Baing		1 Charlie Lee	E S Bowen	Williamston	2nd	16	4	2		3		1	22	19	41	36 00		4 00		45
27	Chapel Hill	Martin	1872	B D Spruill	Williamston	R W Climmon		B D Spruill	G L Williams	Everett	4th			1		5	4		15	30	45	78 00		5 50		20
28	Pine Chapel	Edgecombe	1912	Lossie Cobb	Pinetop	C W Brown		E D Pittman	C W Brown	Tarboro	4th	1	1	2		8			4	8	12			2 00	3 00	14
29	Williams' Chapel	Edgecombe	1912						C H Williams	Robersonville									3	3				1 00		